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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification and claims
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Before the first line of the application, please add:

--STATUS OF RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/859,953, filed on May 17, 2001, the contents hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth in its entirety. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2-11.

Please add the following claims:

Claim 12 (new): A method for improving, enhancing, or modifying the odor properties of a fragrance by incorporating from about 0.005 to about 10 weight percent of the compound of claim 1.

Claim 13 (new): The method of claim 12 wherein the compound is incorporated at a level of from about 0.5 to about 8 weight percent.

Claim 14 (new): A fragrance formulation comprising from about 0.005 to about 70 weight percent of the compound of claim 1.

Claim 15 (new): The fragrance formulation of claim 14 wherein the compound is incorporated at a level of from about 0.1 to about 50 weight percent.

Claim 16 (new): A method for the preparation of 4,10,10,11,12,12-hexamethyl-3-oxatricyclo[7.3.0.0<2,6>]dodecane comprising the heating of 7,7,8,9,9-pentamethyl-3-prop-2-enylbicyclo[4.3.0]nonan-2-ol, toluene and methanesulfonic acid.

Claim 17 (new): The method of claim 16 wherein the heating is conducted at a temperature of from about 80 to about 90 °C.

REMARKS

This application is a divisional application of the parent application 09/859,953 in which a Notice of Allowance was mailed on May 22, 2003. The issue fee has not been paid in the parent application.

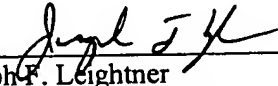
Applicants have elected to file a divisional application to claim the inventions set forth in this Preliminary Amendment. Claim 1 was retained from the parent application in order to provide continuity of applications, and to provide antecedent basis for the new claims present in this Preliminary Amendment. Claim 1 will be canceled in the first Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are fully supported by the specification as originally filed. Claims 12-15 are supported by the disclosure in the first two paragraphs of page 9 of the specification. Claims 16 and 17 are supported by Example 3 of the specification.

Early and favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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